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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached: 1. 1 page Response to Notice of Missing Parts; 1 page copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; 1 page Power of Attorney; Page Declaration; 1 check in the amount of \$710.00; 4 page copy of Assignment; VAS transmittal; and return postcard.

- 2. With respect to fees:
 - □ No additional fee is required.
 - Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$710.00
 - Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

3. CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Date:

February 6, 2001

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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as FIRST CLASS MAIL, addressed to Box Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on February 6, 2001.

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted, mailed December 15, 2000, enclosed for filing please find:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

- 1. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Form PTO-1533) and a Check for \$710.00 to cover the filing and surcharge fees.
 - 2. Declaration:
- 3. Power of Attorney. From assignee, SciMed Life Systems, Inc., a copy of the assignment is included, it is hereby certified that the undersigned has authority to make this certification and has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified herein and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above (37 CFR 3.73(b));

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below. however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

• The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.

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